

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-339

July 9, 2004

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Investigation into Central Maine Power Company's  
Stranded Cost Revenue Requirements and Rates

PROCEDURAL ORDER

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Pursuant to a Procedural Order issued on June 18, 2004, a tele-conference to discuss scheduling, as well as, the issues to be addressed in the filings was held on July 7, 2004. In addition, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company's (BHE's) late-filed petition to intervene was submitted on June 22, 2004 was addressed at such time. Based on the discussions at the conference, the following orders are entered.

**I. INTERVENTION**

BHE has agreed to submit a revised petition to intervene by July 12, 2004. Objections to BHE's revised petition are due on July 16, 2004.

**II. SCHEDULE**

The following litigation schedule is established for this proceeding:

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
CMP Submits Phase I Filing	July 23, 2004
Technical Conference and Oral Data Requests on CMP's Phase I Filing	August 5, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)
Written Data Requests on CMP's Phase I Filing	August 13, 2004
CMP's Responses to Oral and Written Data Requests	August 27, 2004
Second Technical Conference/ Settlement Conference	September 3, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)

Responses to Second Technical Conference Oral Data Requests	September 9, 2004
Phase I Bench Analysis and Intervenor Testimony	September 14, 2004
Technical Conference and Oral Data Requests on Phase I Bench Analysis and Intervenor Filings	September 21, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)
Written Data Requests on Bench Analysis and Intervenor Filings	September 22, 2004
Staff and Intervenor Responses to Data Requests	October 1, 2004
CMP Phase I Rebuttal and Phase II Filing	October 8, 2004
Written Data Requests on Phase I Rebuttal and Phase II Filing	October 14, 2004
CMP Responses to Written Data Requests	October 28, 2004
Technical Conference on CMP Phase I Rebuttal and Phase II Filing	November 4, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)
CMP Responses to Oral Data Requests	November 10, 2004
Phase II Bench Analysis and Intervenor Testimony and Phase I Surrebuttal	November 17, 2004
Technical Conference and Oral Data Requests on Bench and Intervenor Phase II Filings / Settlement Conference	November 30, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)
Written Data Requests on Staff and Intervenor	December 1, 2004
Staff and Intervenor Data Responses	December 8, 2004
CMP Phase II Rebuttal	December 16, 2004
Sixth Technical Conference / Case Conference / Settlement Conference	December 21, 2004 (9:00 a.m.)

Hearings

January 6, 2005

January 7, 2005

(9:00 a.m.)

At the present time, it is not possible to determine with any certainty when CMP's QF entitlement sale will be complete and, thus, determine with any confidence when Phase III of the case, which will reflect the actual QF sales results, can be conducted. Phase III as well as the post-hearing process (i.e. Briefs, Examiner's Report and Exceptions) will be set, once it is clear when the entitlement sale process will be completed.

### **III. ISSUES**

In its comments on CMP's proposed list of issues (Appendix B to the June 18, 2004 Procedural Order) the IECG commented that it would likely raise rate design issues during the proceeding including its claim that the effect of ratemaking, including standard offer implementation, has resulted in substantial benefits to smaller (residential and small commercial) consumers at the expense of larger consumers.

So that issues of rate design may be fully litigated, CMP as part of its initial filing should include a narrative description of the rate design methodologies and changes that it is proposing in this proceeding. That Staff and the Intervenors should respond to such proposals in their Phase I filings and also include their proposed methodologies. As part of its Phase II filing, CMP should provide the rates which would result under its revenue requirement and rate design proposals based on certain entitlement sales scenarios which will be provided by the Advisory Staff.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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Charles Cohen